

Karmala community—Representation in the Legislative Council.

76. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—Will the Government be pleased to state if any representation has been made to them by the members of the Karmala community for nominating an M. L. C. from their community; if so, will the Government be pleased to nominate somebody from them?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes. The matter will be considered at the proper time. No assurance can be given now.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—May I know, Sir, roughly what is the population of Karmala community in the State?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—It will be about 40,000. I speak subject to correction. I think the information is as much available to the Hon'ble Members as to me from the Census Reports.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—What is the principle underlying the nomination from backward classes?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The importance of the community, the status and the vested interests they have, educational qualifications, their number, etc.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—I want to know whether the fact that a certain community is unable by its status to send an elected representative, is one to be taken into consideration for giving nominations?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—It is one of the factors for consideration in making the nominations.

Mohamadan School—Porkolam—Starting of.

77. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there is scope for a Mohamadan school for Porkolam village;

(b) the number of Mohamadan boys studying in M. K. M. School, Porkolam?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—(a) No.

(b) Nil.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—What does the Government mean by a "Muhammadan School"?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—Sir, All that I can say is that Government understood what the Hon'ble Member meant. It means so far as Government are aware, schools which have got a preponderatingly large number of Muhammadan students on the rolls and in which special educational facilities are provided for Muhammadans.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Have the Government any idea of the Muhammadan population at Porkolam?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—Outside the school I have no information.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—To such schools you will have to give some educational help.

Mr. President.—There are no Muhammadan boys in the schools.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—You must give them some facility.

Mr. President.—What facility?

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—The school is situated in a very remote corner and it will be difficult for the boys to go to this school. It is $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles away from the Muhammadan quarters.

Mr. President.—Government do not consider $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles too long a distance for any body to go to school.

Adult education by means of Village Libraries.

78. Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they are aware that our State is lagging behind in the matter of adult education by means of Village Libraries;

(b) have the Government seen a recent report in the 'Hindu' to the effect that in Travancore 60 Village Libraries were started within the last six months?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—(a) No; but Government are aware that a large number of Village Libraries will be very desirable.

(b) Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—That is a pious wish. How far have we progressed in the establishment of the village libraries?